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CAPE MEARES LIGHTHOUSE PARKING AREA

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As you might guess this week has had very little activity. You may have noticed everything is gone from the project site except for the rain. The last piece of equipment the small John Deere loader was moved out on Tuesday.

The only update I can provide is the contractor Cisneros Construction still does not have a firm commitment from an asphalt contractor to pave the parking area. Talks are continuing in a positive direction as a price for doing the work has been reached. However, there are risk factors between the prime and subcontractor yet to be ironed out. For this contract it's responsible or pays the cost of a paving job gone bad, is it the paving subcontractor who has control of the product or is it the prime contractor who oversees the work. For Government contracting the prime contractor is the one who is responsible for the final product regardless of the subcontractor and their performance. It's the same for even a homeowner. If you hire a contractor to remodel a bathroom let's say, and he hires a plumber that does a bad job, let's say installing hot water to the toilet (maybe not a bad thing on a cold morning), you would deal with your contractor and not the plumber. Your paying the contractor and he in turn pays your plumber. The same is true here and that is the problem. The subcontractor wants to come in, do the work and if it turns out poorly does not want to be responsible. There are factors that may warrant the subcontractor to take this position and these are what remain huddles in the negotiation process.

Based in part to the projection of rain for most of next week it's highly unlikely any paving will take place next week. The earliest schedule for paving looks to be the week of the 13th.

If you have any commits or concerns related to the construction please forward these to the listed Email address or call 360-907-0685.

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